

BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 17 November 2011

Principal's Comments

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of the School,

Welcome to all our new families who have joined our school recently, taking our roll to 356. We have started another New Entrant class which is being taught by Mrs Dunning. If your family is not intending to return to Belmont Primary next year could you please notify the office as we are starting the class placement process.

Tomorrow evening there will be the PTA organised Family Fun Night, starting at 5pm. This is a combined social occasion and of course our major fundraiser for the year. There will be many food stalls to choose from and plenty of activities for the children including a disco. Our school's rock band will also perform. Refreshments for adults will be available. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Thanks to the PTA and their helpers for their time and effort in organising this event and thank you to the International Parents Committee for organising a "Taste of Belmont." This evening is also an excellent opportunity for new families to the school to meet other families. Apparently I am being raffled off for a 'make over' at the end of the evening.

Tuesday 22 November is the school's athletics day. The Junior School (Y1-2) will be 9-10.30 and the Year 3-6 children athletics will be 11-12.30 and from 1.30-3 will be tabloids events. Once again it would be great to see as many families as possible.

Helen Lewis has for many years volunteered to be the school's second hand school uniform 'shopkeeper'. Her service and time is very much appreciated and on behalf of all the staff and families who have bought their school uniform from you Helen, thank you very much for your service to the school. Helen would now like to pass this opportunity on to another school family, so if you have a 'spare' cupboard at home and would like to sell second hand uniforms from home please contact the school

TERM DATES

Term 4	Tue 25 Oct to Thu 15 Dec
Term 1 2012	Thur 2 Feb to Thur 5 Apr
Term 2	Mon 23 Apr to Fri 29 June
Term 3	Mon 16 July to Fri 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct to Tue 18 Dec

office. This is an essential service for many families so we would appreciate it very much if a family could take it on.

On Wednesday 23 November we will be having sports photos of most of the teams and performance groups who have represented Belmont Primary School this year. This is a re-introduction of a past tradition and I know you will be delighted with these photos and the new format we have chosen.

On Friday 25 November our Kapa Haka group is performing at the annual Onepoto Festival. Our wonderful group is performing at 1.45pm.

I would also like to acknowledge all our Year 6 children in their latest assessments, particularly a reading and maths assessment called asTTle. These two assessments are normed nationally and we can compare how our school compares with all schools in NZ and also like schools (ie Decile 10 schools in Auckland). Our results for both Maths and Reading show that this group of students are achieving at a much higher level than other like schools and therefore all schools in NZ. This is a testament to the literacy and numeracy programmes that all staff teach, the students themselves and the support the children receive at home.

Finally, if you have not had an opportunity to pay your school donation we would appreciate it if you could pay this now. We receive very good feedback from our families about our quality teachers, the extra curricular activities, the resources we provide and the extra support staff who benefit many children. Your donations enable us to continue to provide an all round quality education.

Bruce Cunningham

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KIDS & KIDS CONCERT



Emily won a bike as a spot prize at the Bayswater Duathlon.

Certificate Winners 4 November

Room 1	Giorgia Doughty
Room 2	Carlo Anselmi
Room 3	Daniel MacLean
Room 4	
Room 5	Zoe Raines
Room 6	Julya Lopes Martins Silva
Room 7	Carlos Spooner
Room 8	Sarah MacLean
Room 9	Bella Eilers
Room 10	Olivia Lorimer
Room 11	Oliver Norgrove
Room 12	Katie Young
Room 13	Bianca Rawlinson
Room 14	Timothy Cashmore
Room 15	Joel Gilbert
Values	Lucy Perry

ENROLMENT DAY AT BELMONT MUSIC CENTRE

Belmont Music Centre provides instrumental tuition for primary and intermediate students. Group lessons which are held at Belmont Intermediate School on Saturday mornings, are partially funded by the Ministry of Education. Lessons are free with an annual subscription/admin fee of only \$100.00. Instruments are available for hire (\$80.00 - \$130.00) per year. Children also take part in orchestras, bands and ensembles. The aim of the Music Centre is to provide an enriching musical experience that will prepare students for joining in with their own school's programme. Lessons are available in cello, violin, clarinet, guitar, recorder, saxophone, flute, drums, trumpet and keyboard. Enrolment forms will be available from your school office. Come to our Enrolment Day for 2012 at Belmont Intermediate School hall, 188 Lake Road,

Remember tea, coffee and finger food available before the Assembly on Friday.

Welcome students

Welcome to our new students Salina Huynh Bao, Snow-Lee Borry and Sun-Roy Borry all from Vietnam.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Isabella Reinecke, Lois Fairbank, Matthew Shaw and Noah Brenchley.

EdAlive software

EdAlive's educational software is now available as Internet downloads through the new eCSP (electronic Community Software Plan.) Save up to 70% off RRP and direct 20% of the value of your orders as CASH to our school. To access the eCSP go to www.edalive.com/ecsp

Marimba festival

Sincere thanks to the parents who helped with transport to Baradene a couple of Sundays ago. 25 of our Year 5 and 6 children did a fabulous job with their festival repertoire which they played with 7 other schools.

Hosts Required by BIS

Belmont Intermediate is looking for 14 caring host families to host a group of Korean students on a short term study tour programme from 17th January to 11th February 2012. Students are required to be placed two students per family and can share a room. If you are interested please call Trish Leddy on 489 4878 ext 158 or 027 275 4090. Forms are downloadable from the Belmont Intermediates website - <http://www.belmontint.school.nz/index.php/Futher-Information.html>

Upcoming Events

Friday 12 November	Assembly with Room 12
Friday 18 November	Family Fun Night
Tuesday 22 November	Athletics day
Tuesday 29 November	Sausage sizzle
Sunday 4 December	Devonport Santa Parade
Friday 9 December	Junior Prizegiving at 1pm
Wednesday 14 December	Senior Prizegiving at 9am

Community Notices

We have a brochure display unit in the office area with a huge range of notices. Please pop into the office and have a look.

Snapper Fishing Contest - In support of North Shore Hospice

Saturday 26 November and Sunday 27 November at Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford. Entry Fee Adult \$10 Junior \$3 and Family \$20. Lots of prizes Ph: 4896837 for more details

Girls Only Summer Football League

Girls in school years 3-6. All registrations welcome, individuals, teams, groups of friends at North Harbour Stadium starting on Monday 14th November. No coaches required. Register online using this link <http://www.nff.org.nz/index.php?id=232>

BELMONT PARK RACQUETS CLUB JUNIOR SQUASH PROGRAMME

2 Nov - 7 Dec (6 weeks) Wed 5-6pm \$60 (rebate \$10-no absences) Contact Manu Yam 021886583 www.squashcoach.co.nz

Harbourside Kids Childcare Centre

Come and enjoy quality care for your child (0-5 years) with new purpose built facilities, experienced qualified teachers and convenient location. 48 Esmonde Road, Takapuna. 0800 HSKIDS - www.hskids.co.nz. Visit website for our latest Special Offers!

"Taste of Takapuna" Cookbook. The full-colour book presents a wide range of recipes supplied by the Takapuna Grammar School community, beautifully photographed by renowned photographer Nicola Topping. The books are \$39 each and will make wonderful Christmas gifts. You can go to this link to view this stunning book...http://www.geongroup.com/TGS_Cookbook/ or ask Julie at BPS office to see the sample. You can order online by credit card via the school website: www.takapuna.school.nz - follow the quick links and include an extra \$10 for postage for up to 4 books - or you can call into the Takapuna Grammar School office and buy direct. The books are also being sold through Booklover in Takapuna and Nord in Devonport. Queries to Helen Parker at TGS on 4894167 ext 9221 or h.parker@takapuna.school.nz

Bayswater School Camp Fundraiser

See an early screening of the movie, 'The Adventures of Tintin'. At BRIDGEWAY CINEMA, NORTHCOTE, on Sunday 4 December, at 3:30pm. Tickets on sale from the office. Kids: \$15.00(12yrs & under), Adults: \$18.00, Family: \$55.00 (2 adults & 2 kids) Spot prizes on the night and lolly bag with each ticket.

